LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented) A plug for the meatus of a lacrimal canaliculus, the plug comprising:

an elongate body having a longitudinal axis;

a collar provided at one end of said elongate body, said collar substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis,

said elongate body having i) a first portion adjacent to said collar, said first portion having an elliptical cross-section with a major axis, and ii) a second portion made of two branches, each of the two branches having a cross-section substantially equal to half of the elliptical cross-section of said first portion,

wherein said two branches are elastically connected to said first section in order to be biased each branch against the other branch and to diverge elastically each branch from the other branch in a plane including the longitudinal axis and the major axis of the elliptical cross-section of said first portion.

2-4. (cancelled).

5. (previously presented) A plug according to claim 1, wherein the collar is elliptical in outline with its major

axis parallel to the major axis of the first portion of the elongate body.

6. (previously presented) A plug according to claim 1, wherein the collar is offset relative to the longitudinal axis of the elongate body.

7. (previously presented) A plug for the meatus of a lacrimal canaliculus, comprising:

an elongate body having a longitudinal axis and an elliptical cross-section with a major axis;

a collar provided at a first end of said elongate body, said collar substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis; and

two branches elastically connected at a second end of said elongate body,

said two branches biased each branch against the other branch,

said two branches diverging elastically, each branch from the other branch, in a plane including the longitudinal axis and the major axis of the elliptical cross-section of said elongate body,

a sum of the cross-sections of said two branches is substantially equal to the elliptical cross-section of said elongate body, wherein,

the two branches are i) each of said two branches, at rest, are diverging and extend obliquely relative to said longitudinal axis, ii) during insertion into the meatus being brought together under action of an injector appliance for locating the plug into the meatus, and iii) subsequent to insertion into the meatus, diverging elastically each branch from the other branch.

8. (previously presented) A plug according to claim 7, wherein the collar is elliptical in outline with a major axis parallel to the major axis of the elongate body.

9. (previously presented) A plug according to claim 8, wherein the collar is offset relative to the longitudinal axis of the elongate body.

10. (previously presented) A plug according to claim 8, wherein each of said two branches having a cross-section substantially equal to half of the elliptical cross-section of said elongate body.